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DETAILED ACTION

This application has been examined. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-19 are pending.
Claims 5, 9 are cancelled.

Making Final

Applicant's arguments filed 06/26/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The claim amendments regarding -- ‘ *a portal having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users, each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community;*’ -- alter the scope of the claims but do not overcome the disclosure by the prior art as shown below.

The Examiner is maintaining the rejection(s) using the same grounds for rejection and thus making this action FINAL.

Priority

The effective date of the Claims described in this application is February 26, 2002.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 06/25/2008 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4,6-8,10-12,14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charles (US Patent 6449103) in view of Pugliese et al. (US Publication 20010044751), hereinafter referred to as Pugliese further in view of Thompson (US Patent 7068301).

Charles substantially disclosed the features of the invention described in the claims below.

With respect to Claim 1 Charles disclosed (Charles - original) An integrated system comprising: (Charles - Figures 177-180, Column 9 Lines 30-50, Column 59 Lines 10-25) a portal (Charles - Figure 178, Item 178L); at least one wireless local area network in communication with a server (Charles - Figure 178-179, Items 179e) ; at least one mobile platform in wireless communication with said at least one wireless local area network; (Charles - Figure 179, Items 179t, 179r, Column 59 Lines 5-25, Column 60 Lines 1-15)

The Examiner interprets the portal to be a computer that is enabled to view visual data via a web site concurrently with a web-based community of users. (Applicant Specifications Page 6)

Charles disclosed a portal as embodied by a computer connected to the Internet for presenting visual data to the user(s). (Charles – Column 60 Lines 1-15) However Charles does not disclose certain features of the invention, such as using a server hosting a website, such that users are able to access visual data via a web page. While Charles disclosed of using control means for games and robotic devices, interactive input devices and goggles in conjunction with the remote visual device, Charles does not disclose of operating the visual device via a website. While Charles was concerned with the distribution and display of video data over the Internet, (Charles – Column 7 Lines 15-20) Charles would have been motivated to look for other disclosures regarding

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remote viewing and observing of subject matter (Charles – Column 7 Lines 15-20, Lines 33-36) via Internet, such as Pugliese.

Pugliese disclosed an online shopping portal that allows registered users and merchants to communicate via an interactive video communication system via a website. Pugliese disclosed of users being able to remotely operate the video camera in order to view products from the merchant store.

Pugliese disclosed a server communicating with said portal and a means for enabling two-way communications between said portal and said server. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

Pugliese disclosed (re. Claim 1) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users. (Pugliese-Paragraph 139, Paragraph 153) each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Pugliese-Paragraph 86, Paragraph 104, Paragraph 115)

Charles and Pugliese are analogous art because they present concepts and practices regarding electronic distribution, processing, and viewing of visual data via a remote visual device. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to

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combine the teachings of Pugliese regarding website portals that host interactive video communications into the method and apparatus of Charles. The said combination would enable the method and apparatus of Pugliese to manage an Internet website for coordinating viewing of the visual data, and to allow users to remote operate the visual device by issuing commands via said website. The suggested motivation for doing so would have been, as Pugliese suggests (Pugliese - Paragraph 6), so that users at the remote site may be able to hold interactive sessions with and obtain input from knowledge experts at other remote sites.

However Charles-Pugliese did not disclose (re. Claim 1) wherein the visual data device is in communication with a PC tablet .

Thompson disclosed (re. Claim 1) wherein the visual data device is in communication with a PC tablet. (Thompson -Figure 2, Column 5 Lines 30-45, 'maintenance apparatus')

Thompson also disclosed (re. Claim 1) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users, each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Thompson-Figure 1, 'user interface', Column 7 Lines 35-45, 'multiple views')

Charles, Pugliese and Thompson are analogous art because they present concepts and practices regarding electronic distribution, processing, and viewing of visual data via a remote visual device. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Thompson into the method and apparatus of Charles-Pugliese. The motivation for said combination would have been to have the appropriate maintenance files readily available at the inspection site along with the visual device. (Thompson -Column 4 Lines 20-30)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 2 - The integrated system of claim 1 wherein said portal may be accessed by at least one mobile device in communication with said portal. (Charles - Figure 180 Item 180a,Column 58 Lines 15-35)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 3 - The integrated system of claim 1 wherein said at least one local area network is physically integrated with said server. (Charles - Figure 179c)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 4 - The integrated system of claim 1 wherein said at least one local area network is in wireless communication with said server. (Charles - Figure 179, Column 16 Lines 1-15)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 6 - The integrated system of claim 1, further comprising a borescope and said borescope being in communication with a mobile device. (Charles - Figure 64, Figure 137, Figure 177i, Column 16 Lines 1-15, Column 45 Lines 55-60, Column 46 Lines 35-50, Column 47 Lines 20-30)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 7 - The integrated system of claim 6, wherein said borescope communicates with said mobile device via a data feed wire. (Charles - Figure 64, Figure 180, Column 45 Lines 55-60, Column 46 Lines 35-50, Column 47 Lines 20-30)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 8 - The integrated system of claim 7, wherein said mobile device comprises at least one USB port for receiving said data feed wire. (Charles - Figure 64, Figure 180, Column 45 Lines 55-60, Column 46 Lines 35-50, Column 47 Lines 20-30)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 10 - The integrated system of claim 19, wherein said stereographic viewing system comprises a stereo image lens in communication with said at least one mobile device. (Charles - Figure 177-180, Column 30 Lines 10-15, Column 47 Lines 20-30, Column 54 Lines 25-50)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 11 - The integrated system of claim 10, wherein said at least one mobile device comprises at least one USB port for receiving data from said stereo image lens. (Charles - Figure 177-180, Column 30 Lines 10-15, Column 47 Lines 20-30, Column 54 Lines 25-50)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 12 - The integrated system of claim 1, wherein said server is addressable by a unique IP address and wherein said server hosts at least one web page. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166, Paragraph 268)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 14 - A method for providing remote, interactive visual analysis of an apparatus, (Charles - Figures 177-180, Column 9 Lines 30-50, Column 59 Lines 10-25) comprising the steps of: providing a portal, said portal in communication with at least one electronic device (Charles - Figure 178, Item 178L); integrating said server into a wireless local area network; (Charles - Figure 178-179, Items 179e) connecting at least one mobile platform to said local area network; providing visual data from at least one visual device to said at least one mobile platform;

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and receiving said visual data at said at least one electronic device. (Charles - Figure 179, Items 179t, 179r, Column 59 Lines 5-25, Column 60 Lines 1-15, Column 30 Lines 10-15, Column 47 Lines 20-30, Column 54 Lines 25-50) ; providing a server two-way communication with said portal via the internet. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

Pugliese disclosed (re. Claim 14) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users. (Pugliese-Paragraph 139, Paragraph 153) each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Pugliese-Paragraph 86, Paragraph 104, Paragraph 115)

Thompson also disclosed (re. Claim 14) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users, each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Thompson-Figure 1, 'user interface', Column 7 Lines 35-45, 'multiple views')

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 14 - analyzing a turbine engine of the apparatus using said visual data. (Thompson -Figure 2, Column 5 Lines 30-45, 'maintenance apparatus')

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 15 - The method of claim 14 comprising the additional step of issuing control commands to said at least one visual device from said at least one electronic device. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 16 - The method of claim 15, wherein said control commands are issued response to receiving said visual data by said at least one electronic device. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 17 - The method of claim 16, further comprising altering an orientation of said visual device in accordance with said control commands. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 18 - The method of claim 14, wherein said receiving of said visual data is limited by a community affiliation of said one or more electronic devices. (Pugliese - Figure 2-4, Paragraph 8-10, Paragraph 156-166)

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Charles-Pugliese-Thompson disclosed Claim 19 - The integrated system of claim wherein said visual data device comprises a stereographic viewing system.

(Charles - Column 30 Lines 10-15, Column 54 Lines 25-50)

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Claims 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charles (US Patent 6449103) in view of Pugliese et al. (US Publication 20010044751), hereinafter referred to as Pugliese further in view of Thompson (US Patent 7068301) further in view of Boykin (US Patent 6831556).

While Charles-Pugliese-Thompson substantially disclosed the claimed invention Charles-Pugliese-Thompson did disclose (re. Claim 13) wherein said server is located on said at least one mobile platform *with said at least one movable platform comprising one of the following: a boat, an airplane, a spacecraft, an automobile or a truck.*

Boykin disclosed (re. Claim 13) wherein said server is located on said at least one mobile platform *with said at least one movable platform comprising one of the following: a boat, an airplane, a spacecraft, an automobile or a truck.* (Boykin-Column 1 Lines 55-65)

Charles, Pugliese, Thompson and Boykin are analogous art because they present concepts and practices regarding electronic distribution, processing, and viewing of visual data via a remote visual device. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Boykin into the method and apparatus of Charles-Pugliese-Thompson . The motivation for said combination would have been to enable an operator to control the video feed from the visual device. (Boykin1-Column 5 Lines 45-65)

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 06/26/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant presents the following argument(s) [*in italics*]:

Applicant contends neither Charles nor Pugliese teaches providing such software tools for use by specific communities of users such that each community has secure access to data relevant to said community. There is nothing disclosed in either Pugliese or Charles to suggest or provide the requisite motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to consider employing such software tools by various communities of users.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant.

Pugliese disclosed (re. Claim 1,14) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users, (Pugliese-Paragraph 139, Paragraph 153) each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Pugliese-Paragraph 86, Paragraph 104, Paragraph 115)

Thompson also disclosed (re. Claim 1,14) having at least one software tool for analyzing, organizing and sorting at least one form of data for access by at least one community of users, each community having secured access to at least one form of data relevant to said community. (Thompson-Figure 1, 'user interface', Column 7 Lines 35-45, 'multiple views')

Conclusion

Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greg Bengzon whose telephone number is (571) 272-3944. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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